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OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2005 MILK PRODUCTION UP

SIoux FALLS, January 18, 2006 -- The October - December 2005 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 358 million pounds, 6 percent above the fourth quarter one year ago, according to the South Dakota office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This is the same level as the July - September quarter in 2005.

The average number of milk cows during the quarter, at 81,000 head, was up 1,000 head from the fourth quarter of 2004 but unchanged from 2005's July - September quarter.

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